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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16 and 18-20 by the Examiner with appreciation. The Applicant agrees in part with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the prior art of record.

The Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

The Applicant further points out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16 and 18-20 are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the Applicant's specification. In addition, structures that perform substantially the

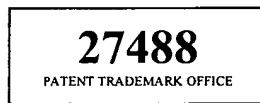
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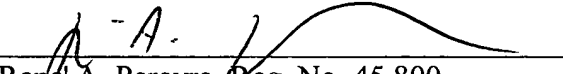
same function in substantially the same way to achieve substantially the same results are included within the scope of the claims.

Finally, as the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not exhaustive, such reasons for allowance do not establish an estoppel against Applicant seeking and obtaining allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicant reserves the right to file.

Respectfully submitted,

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